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The Legation sends herewith the English language translation of the Bulgarian Government Declaration of October 23/24 on the United States Quarantine of Cuba. This translation along with the Bulgarian language text of the Declaration, was given to Minister Eugenie Anderson by Deputy Foreign Minister Lyubomir ANGELOV when she called on him at noon Bulgarian time on October 24 to present a note transmitting the text of President Kennedy's proclamation.

Deputy Foreign Minister Angelov, who at first said that he could not receive Minister Anderson until 4 p.m. Bulgarian time (when the Proclamation was to become effective), made no comment on the Proclamation and said merely that the Bulgarian Government declaration constituted the Bulgarian reply.

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STATEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

On October 22 United States President Kennedy in a speech over the radio and television made a statement, without precedent in peace time, a statement directed against Cuba, a peace-loving country and member of the United Nations. At the same time the President announced a number of military measures whose consequences are an open threat to peace not only in the Caribbean but in the whole world.

Grossly violating the accepted norms of international law and the principles underlying the United Nations Charter the Government of the United States in fact proclaimed a complete blockade of the Republic of Cuba and assumed the right to interfere in the domestic affairs of other countries and to dictate their will to them.

Dispatches from the United States show that the open threats of President Kennedy are accompanied by practical military preparations. United States armed forces in the whole world and especially in the Caribbean have been put on the alert. The United States Guantanamo base in Cuba has been considerably strengthened. The armed forces of United States allies in various parts of the world are being put in battle readiness under United States pressure.

No reasonable man can believe that small Cuba poses any threat to the United States, a country armed to the teeth. Therefore it is clear to everybody that the actions of the

United States Government are dictated by their desire to change through force the regime established by the Cuban people in their country, a regime which does not please them.

Under the alarming circumstances that have arisen, the Government of the USSR in their statement of October 23 once again called on the leaders of the United States to show prudence and soberly to assess the eventual consequences of their aggressive actions. Unmasking the provocative actions of the United States, the Soviet Government warns against the danger of a world thermonuclear war and appeals to all governments to bar the path to war.

The Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, voicing the feelings and will of the Bulgarian people and true to its peaceloving policy, issues a most resolute protest against the arbitrary decision of the United States Government - a decision which has no justification whatsoever - to stop, search and even fire upon all ships and aircraft on their way to Cuba. Such actions of the United States brasshats differ in no way from the actions of pirates. Resorting to piratical methods in their relations with the other sovereign countries, the Government of the United States are playing with fire and seriously endanger peace not only in the Caribbean, but in the whole world as well.

No government and no people, who respect their own dignity will bow their head to the gross diktat of the Government of the United States.

The Bulgarian people have always taken and will take the side of the freedom-loving and heroic Cuban people, and consider it an irrevocable right of every people, the Cuban people

included, to choose themselves their social and political system, to arrange themselves their internal affairs.

Cuba is not alone. With her are and will be all freedom-loving peoples, all governments, who stand for the preservation of peace and the freedom and sovereignty of every country.

The Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria fully support the Declaration of the Soviet Government of October 23 and call on all Governments who hold dear the cause of peace to condemn the aggressive actions of the United States and to insist that they be called off without delay.

In view of the serious threat to peace . . . arisen as a result of the perfidious actions of United States imperialism, the Bulgarian Government has instructed its delegation to the United Nations to insist for an immediate discussion of the question of the violation of the United Nations Charter and the threat to peace, created on the part of the United States.

At the same time, the Bulgarian Government cannot fail to take into account the fact that the United States and its allies have taken practical steps in preparation for war. In this connection the Bulgarian Government gave instructions for raising the defense capability of the country and for putting its armed forces in a state of battle readiness. In these hours full of alarm for mankind the Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria fully share the anxiety of the peoples for the preservation of peace and voice their hope that in spite of all, sanity will prevail and the forces of peace will bar the path of the fire-brands.